



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer
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At its meeting held September 16, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Burke and Yaroslavsky:

“The In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program is a valuable tool that provides critical homecare and ensures the well-being of Los Angeles County's elderly and disabled population. Currently, over 131,234 residents throughout the County are able to live in the comfort of their homes despite serious medical conditions as a result of the care they receive from IHSS providers. Without the IHSS Program, many of these individuals could be subjected to hospitalization resulting in exponentially higher healthcare costs to the Medicare and MediCal Programs.

“In light of the hard work and dedication by IHSS providers, this Board previously approved the creation of a healthcare benefits program for all providers who serve our elderly and disabled population a minimum of 112 hours each month. These eligibility guidelines resulted in 8654 IHSS providers receiving healthcare coverage last month. However, many other deserving providers are still without healthcare insurance. By lowering the eligibility threshold to 80 hours per month, this Board will provide healthcare coverage to a projected total 17,000 IHSS providers.

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“Having reviewed the Chief Administrative Officer's analysis for funding the expansion of IHSS providers who will be eligible to enroll in the program under an 80 hour threshold, we believe that such an action would allow us to better serve IHSS providers and consumers in a fiscally prudent manner that keeps taxpayers' best interests in mind.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Yaroslavsky, Knabe, and Burke; Noes: Supervisor Antonovich, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer, County Counsel, Directors of Public Social Services and Health Services to jointly develop amendments to the existing agreements with the Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC) for lowering the In-Home Supportive Services Provider Healthcare Program's eligibility for healthcare coverage from 112 to 80 hours per month consistent with the Chief Administrative Officer's report dated April 15, 2003;
2. Authorized the Directors of Health Services and Public Social Services to execute the required amendments to the agreements with PASC; and
3. Authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to make any necessary adjustments to the Departments of Health Services' and Public Social Services' Fiscal Year 2003-04 Budgets consistent with the parameters set forth.

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